

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Claims 14-20 are rejected. Claims 21-25 are withdrawn.
2. Claims 14, 20-22, 24 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 15-19 and 23 have been cancelled. This action is in response to the applicants' amendment after a non-final and reply filed on August 20, 2007.

Status of Objections

3. The specification was objected to as not indicating the proper section headings. The objection to the specification is hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments to the specification.
4. The specification was objected to as not properly labeling the "general formula V". The objection to the specification is hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments to the specification.
5. The specification was objected to as not indicating the proper terminology with regards to indefiniteness and the terms "the" versus "a". The objection to the specification is hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments to the specification.
6. Claim 15 was objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the parent claim. The objection to Claim 15 is moot and hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' cancellation of Claim 15.

Status of Rejections

7. Claims 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as failing to comply with the novelty requirement. The rejection of Claims 15-19 are hereby moot and withdrawn in

view of applicants' cancellation of Claims 15-19. The rejection of Claim 14 is hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments to Claim 14.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

New Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd

8. Claim 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting an essential element, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted element is: the definition of Q, which is seen as an essential element in Claim 14 where Y can be -(CH₂)_r-Q-(CH₂)_s- . Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

9. Claims 14 and 20 are rejected.

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray whose telephone number is 571-272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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